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Firefighters, EMS and police work to rescue a snowmobiler whose sled went under the ice on Drag Lake Dec. 31. This man was lucky - he got away with only hypothermia. Another man went into Redstone Lake the next day and died. Photo by Andrea Adams.

■ **THIN ICE**

One dies, one lives in two sledding accidents

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Snowmobilers are being warned to stay off of lakes after a pair of accidents in the past few days claimed the life of a local resident.

Scott Hartley, age 43, was out snow-

mobiling on Jan. 1 when his machine went through open water on Redstone Lake sometime after 7 p.m. Hartley was pulled from the water by friends, but as the group made their way to the shore by crawling on the thin ice Hartley stood up and once again broke through the ice, disappearing beneath the surface.

Officers of the Haliburton Highlands

OPP detachment were dispatched to Redstone Lake in the area of Fisherman's Trail at approximately 10 p.m. to search for Hartley.

The Dysart fire department responded with 16 firefighters and used rescue suits, ropes and a boat during the attempted rescue. According to the fire department the ice at the scene was only about 1.5

inches thick. The underwater search and rescue unit of the OPP attended the scene on the morning of Jan. 2 and recovered the body of Mr. Hartley.

"We got the call on the first [of January] at just after 8 p.m.," says Mark McMaster of the OPP.

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■ **POLITICS**

Devolin staffer denies global warming, calls UN 'corrupt'

JENN WATT

Editor

When Carnarvon resident Doug Smith heard that a staff member for

Conservative MP Barry Devolin was publicly denying global warming at the same time as climate change talks in Copenhagen were failing, he saw no coincidence.

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■ **CONDO DEVELOPMENT**

Watercolours still a go: Mady

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

David Mady's heard it all before.

A developer with Mady Development Corporation, Mady is used to the wide-sweeping scrutiny and innuendo that has dogged the Watercolours con-

dominium development plan - for the large retirement complex slated to be built on Maple Avenue in Haliburton - from the outset.

The *Echo* contacted Mady on the heels of an email it received early last week alleging that the Mady Development

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■ ACCIDENT

SUV and car collide on Adanac Rd.

Only minor injuries were sustained by three passengers in a Pontiac car after it collided with a GMC SUV Dec. 29 on Adanac Road in Highlands East.

The driver of the car, Kraig Kavanagh, 19, of Hastings Highlands and one passenger had such minor injuries that they did not go to hospital, while three other passengers of that same car went to Quinte Healthcare North Hastings with non-life-threatening injuries. A sixth passenger was taken to Haliburton Hospital with major, non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the SUV, Douglas MacCorkindale, 65, of Highlands East and his two passengers did not sustain any injuries.

An investigation is ongoing in relation to the collision.



Flanked by two EMS workers dressed in black and green, a snowmobiler is helped to shore then to a waiting ambulance after his snowmobile fell through the thin ice on Drag Lake on Dec. 31. /Photos submitted by Andrea Adams.



The snowmobiler, inside the boat, was hauled to shore by 12 rescuers. The two men in orange used a nearby boat to reach the man and bring him to safety.

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■ THIN ICE

Snowmobiler finally located

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"They located him the following day at approximately noon. We had two officers that attended the scene on the first, and then on the following day there would have been two officers and the four divers. What most likely occurred was that one of the divers went into the water while the other three stayed on the ice."

Hartley's death follows in the wake of a similar incident, which occurred on December 31 on Drag Lake. An unidentified male, age 20, was snowmobiling across the lake when he went through the ice at approximately noon. The victim was taken to Haliburton hospital suffering from hypothermia.

He had been driving his snowmobile down the lake when it broke through the thin ice. The driver, who was the lone occupant on the sled, managed to get up onto the ice and called for assistance using a whistle.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan said the fire department got the call at 11:49 a.m. and responded with 12 firefighters.

"We had to do it safely and try to get out there without putting one of our fellas at risk," says Maughan. "We commandeered a boat from the shore and went out and picked him up."

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment and EMS personnel also attended the scene. Fire and rescue officials from the municipality are urging residents to take extra caution when travelling on the lakes as ice thickness and quality vary greatly throughout the county.

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THANKFUL

The best Christmas presents aren't found under the tree

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Staff reporter

The sun's refusal to come out of hiding this past summer left many Haliburton residents dismayed, especially those who own cottages that can only be enjoyed for a short period of time. Heather Coneybeare however, was more than thrilled with the grey weather.

"I'm supposed to stay out of the sun," laughs Coneybeare, "so while everyone was complaining about the lack of sunshine we received this past summer for me it was great."

Last December Coneybeare was the recipient of a liver transplant and several blood transfusions. After spending three months in a hospital bed she was released this past February with some strict rules to follow, such as staying out of the sun. This year Coneybeare will be celebrating a much different Christmas with her family thanks to the selfless generosity of people she had never before met.

"I feel great," says Coneybeare. "I got to do the Christmas shopping this year and be a part of the neighbourhood Christmas events. Just in general it's nice to be back home and doing the things I should be doing. There's things that take me longer to do," she says, "like cleaning the house. The energy level isn't there. But considering what kind of shape I was in before Christmas last year, there are things I can now do, like cook a turkey dinner."

In between wrapping presents for her daughter and celebrating the Christmas season with friends and family, Coneybeare will also be finding the time to advocate for a cause that she holds close to her heart, or more literally her liver.

"I got a call from Peterborough from the blood donor clinic," she says, "and I'm hoping to be able to go to their clinic as well as Bancroft's. They've asked me to come and help tell people about how important it is to have their blood donated. I certainly hope through my experience people will realize that miracles do happen," says Coneybeare, "and that it might make them more likely to consider donating."

The blood transfusions that Coneybeare received, six in total, were just part in parcel with her liver transplant. She is appreciative of both the blood and the organ she is now storing safely in her body.

"I don't ever mind talking about my experience because you never know who it could happen to next," she says. "What I hope comes out of my experience is that other people can see the benefit of it all and the ap-



Heather Coneybeare, pictured in centre, celebrated Christmas at home this year with her husband and daughter. Coneybeare spent last years holidays in the hospital recovering from a life-saving liver transplant. The surgery, and the recovery that followed, has given Coneybeare a new outlook and appreciation for life.
/Photo Martha Perkins

preciation of the fact that without these people, people like myself wouldn't be here. I'm so thankful for people who support blood and organ donation."

Coneybeare still does not know any of the details pertaining to her donor. Although she sent an appreciation letter for the donor family, she merely submitted it to Toronto General, the hospital responsible for the transplant surgery, who sent it on her behalf.

"It's still the issue of someone having had to die so that I could live," says Coneybeare when discussing the need to respect one's wishes for privacy. "It took a while to get my head around that one."

The truth of this matter can make the decision to donate an organ that much more traumatic for family members.

"I know it's a difficult time [when someone loses a loved one] to actually say you would donate an organ but they are needed," she says. "It's just an issue that is hard for some people to wrap their head around. A common misconception is that a donated organ has to come from a family member. An organ can come from almost anyone."

According to a new study published by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), despite an increase in organ donations over the past number of years, Canada still has a long way to go.

While the availability of donated organs in Canada rose by more than 28 per cent over the past decade, this increase is not keeping pace with demand. Last year, about 215 Canadians died while waiting for an organ transplant. The study goes on to state that the number of living donors has exceeded the number of deceased donors for the past eight years and accounts for 69 per cent of the increase in donors over the past decade. In contrast, the rate of deceased donors' organs has not risen as quickly.

A deceased donor can provide up to six organs for transplantation. On average, however, 3.6 organs per deceased donor were transplanted in 2008.

"The need for transplantable organs has never been greater," explains Dr. John Gill, associate professor of medicine at the University of British Columbia, a division of Nephrology at St. Paul's hospital in Vancouver, in the study. "The option of organ and tissue donation should be offered to all patients who die in Canadian hospitals and should be incorporated as an essential component of end-of-life care."

For Coneybeare, it was literally a matter of life or death.

"There are still people in need of transplants dying," says Coneybeare. "It's important to donate, it's a gift of life."

■ A JERSEY TALE

Matt Duchene jersey sales up at Sharpley's

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Walk into Glen Sharpley's Source for Sports on Highland Street in Haliburton and you might see some strange apparitions floating ethereally from the rafters.

Realize first, that Haliburton is Toronto Maple Leafs country and the Highlands remains a tidy niche of rock-hard hope and icy dreams, where diehard Toronto Maple Leafs hockey fans bleed blue, and cheer incessantly for a discombobulated franchise and a team that for whatever reason – and trust me, kookoo conspiracy theories abound – haven't been able to shoot straight for oh, say, the last three decades, give or take.

So what's with this pronounced purple theme at Sharpley's?

And has a coup d'état erupted in the heart of the Highlands?

Hanging from the ceiling stanchions, your eye is directed upward to a garland of mauve, a lot of 9s, and a veritable cloudburst of "Duchene."

In short, the white and purple of the Colorado Avalanche has virtually supplanted the traditional white and blue of the Toronto Maple Leafs at Sharpley's Source for Sports in Haliburton.

And according to Source for Sports clothing manager, Sonia Sicard, sales of the jersey have been brisk leading up to Christmas. "We're selling quite a few of the Duchene jerseys," says Sicard, who along with her boss are convinced that sales will continue to grow as Duchene, (who scored a goal in last Wednesday's game in Ottawa, with a trove of Haliburton fans in place at Scotia Place) continues with his torrid scoring pace. The game was televised nationally on TSN and not surprisingly there were a number of youngsters in the stands wearing the prized number 9 Avalanche jersey.

Glen Sharpley, no stranger to the NHL wars, was smiling over the phone from his other Source for Sports location down the road in Huntsville last Wednesday afternoon.

None of this is rocket science, says Sharpley.

"Everybody's rallying around him," says Sharpley. "Probably not any different than anyone else in a small town like [Sidney] Crosby who has some above-average talent, so they're [residents and fans] all showing support for Matt, and they want to wear the jersey."

These things happen, says Sharpley, when the local boy perseveres and snuggles into the show.

Sharpley is eerily simpatico on that front. In 1976 – like Duchene in 2009 – Sharpley went third overall in the first round of NHL amateur draft. Like Duchene he was drafted as a center. Sharpley went to Minnesota North Stars from the Hull Festivals of the QMJHL, and played a full schedule for the North Stars in 1976-77.



Colorado Avalanche jerseys replete with the number 9 and Duchene's name on the back festoon the rafters in Sharpley's Source for Sports. A large contingent of local fans made their way to Ottawa last Wednesday to watch Duchene's Avs play the Ottawa Senators. Duchene scored a goal in the 4-3 Avs victory with his parents and grandparents in attendance.

In 1976 a London Knight, Richard Green, went first in the draft. Another Knight, John Tavares was picked first in Duchene's lottery last year.

That's where the similarities end though.

Sharpley came from the large centre of Toronto. His own draft day disappeared on the thin edge of a puff, commingled in the smog of the "Big Smoke."

"It never ruffled a leaf when I got drafted out of Toronto," laughs Sharpley. No sports store owners in Etobicoke or Scarborough rushed to invest in a full line of Minnesota North Star jerseys emblazoned with Sharpley's name across the back.

Small towns are different. They invest in their heroes. Sharpley is just filling the niche.

"It started this summer when both Matt and Cody [Hodgson, a Haliburton cottager and former resident who went 10th overall to Vancouver in the 2008 draft] did my grand opening in Huntsville," explains Sharpley. "I ordered six jerseys, and gave them each one, and had them sign the rest. I donated a couple to charity golf tournaments ... and that's when I realized that people wanted them."

The Duchene jerseys are a hot item in the Highlands because Duchene has been igniting the lilt and whimsy of a solid contingent of Haliburton fans, who have been following his measured progress since he first laced on a pair of skates with the Highland recreation league when he was five.

"Right now, we're selling to the locals who know Matt and watched him grow into the player he is today," says Sharpley. "Those who don't know him, once they get to know him, they're going to want the jersey too. Not any different than for any budding superstar.

"I want a Duchene jersey for Christmas."

For me it was Habs, the number 4, and one name: [Jean] "Beliveau."

For others it may have been Gordie Howe, or George Armstrong.

Nice to know that a local kid, just 18, is already spinning Christmas dreams ... on those quickly spinning wheels.



Duchene jerseys and Avs caps are popular items at Sharpley's Source for Sports./Photos by Terrance Gavan

RECESSION

Greater demand for food banks this Christmas

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

It comes as no surprise that with an economic recession many residents of both Haliburton and Minden are feeling the sting. This past Christmas was no exception as food banks in both counties experienced an increase in demand.

Rose Barry, one of the directors for the 4Cs in Haliburton, believes this year's numbers speak for themselves.

"We had more clients this year," says Barry. "We gave out 273 vouchers this year plus we had an additional 26 walk-ins."

A significant jump considering last year there were 157 vouchers and 11 walk-ins.

Barry believes this upward trend Haliburton has been experiencing has everything to do with the economic instability. But the spirit of generosity has not been lost amongst the community.

"Since last summer we've seen a jump in demand,"

says Barry. "The community is so great that it's just unbelievable."

Although Barry didn't see a significant jump in donations this year, the support, she says, was present nonetheless.

"I would say the majority of what we receive is through community donations," says Barry, "and then we also have the store. We couldn't do half of what we do if it wasn't for the Lily [Ann Thrift Shop]. The patrons are good and they're in all the time."

Joanne Barnes, manager of the food bank in Minden, says it's too early to tell how this year's numbers compare to last, however, even without numbers it doesn't take an expert to see the situation is bad.

"We're up a bit from last year but I can't tell you off the top of my head what the numbers are," says Barnes. "The number of Christmas hampers was about the same as last year but we're certainly taking in new clients every day."

According to Barnes, this trend may stick around for longer than the Christmas season.



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Rose Barry

"I think this is going to be a continuing thing for this year," she says referring to the new clients the food bank is receiving.

But like Barry in Haliburton, Barnes is not quick to get discouraged.

"Our donations are strong," says Barnes. "We have the poor and then we have a very charitable group of people that live here. So it balances out and we're still doing OK. We live in a good community."



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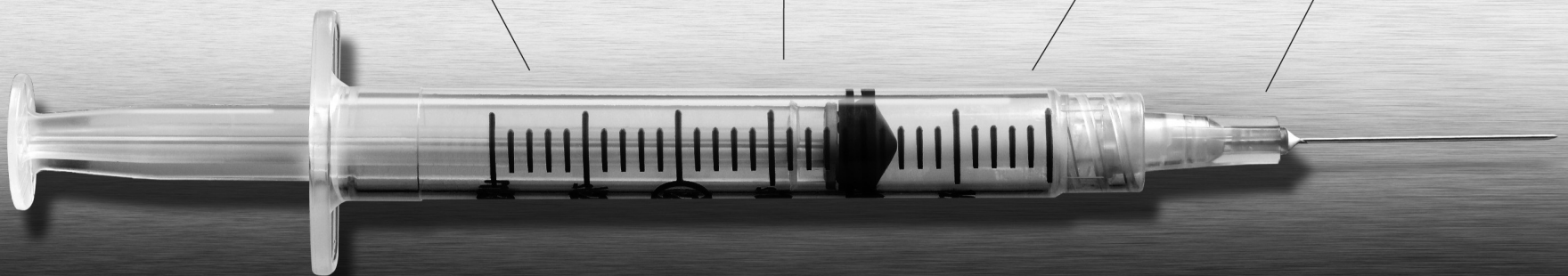
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Take care on the ice

THERE IS SOMETHING especially sad about a person who loses his life while having fun. It seems especially wrong that the pursuit of pleasure should lead to death.

On the first day of this year that is exactly what happened when 43-year-old Scott Hartley plunged through the ice of Redstone Lake on his snowmobile.

His two friends came to his rescue and had actually pulled him from the icy water when he attempted to walk on the surface of the lake and fell back in.

It would be hours before his body would be seen again. Whenever a snowmobiler dies this way – and it happens too often – there are some who shrug it off.

These people will say it was the rider's fault, that he should never have attempted the stunt.

What is implied is that the choice made to streak across the lake's surface after only a few weeks of cold weather is so foolish that it deserves a life-

threatening, or ending, experience.

But unless there is an outright ban on riding over lakes, how could these events ever be stopped?

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs encourages riders to cross lakes only along staked routes checked by association personnel, but this is just a warning, not enforceable.

But, with all of the county's lakes, who could check and stake them all?

As we worked at the *Echo* office Dec. 31, Head Lake was abuzz with snowmobiles screaming back and forth over the tiny water body – and especially over the open patch of water that people seem to be drawn to.

The next night Hartley attempted the same thing on a much larger lake and died for it. All that separates him from the dozens of sledders on Head Lake was perhaps an inch of ice, maybe better visibility.

Maybe it was just luck.

How can we stop this dangerous behaviour if not through laws and regulations?

The truth is we will never stop people from trying to have fun. The small hope is to reduce the numbers of people riding too fast on unsafe ice.

Just as drinking and driving in cars has become taboo, snowmobiling on unmarked, half-frozen lakes should be too. Just as I would never let a friend drink and drive, maybe I would never let them sled on ice either.

Changes in behaviour have to come from culture, not laws. Blaming the dead is not useful – we need to influence the living.



Frosty tree

Photo by Tim Tofflemire, toffphoto.ca

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editorial

jenn watt

Ease into your new resolve

DEPENDING ON EXACTLY when you get this paper you're likely at least a week into 2010 and chances are you've already broken at least one of your pie-eyed idealistic New Year's resolutions and not because you're not trying hard enough, it's more because you haven't developed a winning resolution strategy.

Frankly I've always found the whole concept of resolving to do something – to make a change in your life simply because the calendar and a little champagne tells you to – a little misguided. What's really changed between Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 to force you to realign the troops? Sure, I know it's the start of a new year and it's a clean slate and all that Oprah-esque twaddle but, based on that criteria and your expected lifespan (minus those early childhood years where you struggle just to keep from burning, burying or smothering yourself let alone the annual burden of these monumental life-altering decisions) you'll have roughly 50 chances to resolve something and if it really takes you 50 attempts to quit smoking perhaps it's just not worth it.

To be successful at this yearly ritual you've got to pace yourself and set realistic, scalable goals. Don't go after it all in one shot. Ease yourself into going cold turkey (unless you've resolved to not eat cold turkey, then the opposite applies).

You do have an entire year to complete your tasks after all so why rush all the goals into the first week? Treat this like you would a buffet; pace yourself for multiple runs at the different tables.

Instead of vowing to stop chewing your nails starting abruptly on Day One, try committing to

not munch on say, your right index finger, and see how that goes. You do have nine other alternatives which gives you what we in the business call "wiggle room." If all goes well in the first stretch resolve to ignoring another of your fingers until you can't remember where you started or, better yet, what you quit doing in the first place.

It's all about setting workable goals. I, for one, have vowed to not have a single cigarette this year and so far I've been very

successful. In fact it's 43 years and counting. I also refuse to eat chicken between the hours of 4 and 6 a.m. (nuggets don't count) and again my success rate is incredible (although my pork consumption over the same period has inched up slightly). That, my friends, is something to build on.

And at this rate I'm well on my way to attempting next year's mother of all resolutions: resolving to stop making all these stupid New Year's resolutions. That one I think I can do.



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Ocelot

LAST WEEK, my wife and I watched one of those police shows where a team of detectives was investigating a strange couple that essentially got their kicks from torturing each other.

The interesting thing, to me, at least, was that both the husband and wife in the story relied on a “safe word” to let the other person know that they were no longer enjoying the proceedings. Once one or the other uttered the word, they knew that it was time to stop.

Though bizarre, in a strange way, this made perfect sense. And, after the show, I told my wife as much.

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“Are you suggesting that we need a safe word?” She said.

“If nothing else, it prevents crossed signals,” I winked. “You never know when one will come in handy.”

“Really,” she said, apparently intrigued. “What will it be?”

“Well, I’ve always liked the word ocelot,” I replied.

We both laughed nervously at the thought of trying something so uncharacteristically adventurous – heck, you don’t get to use the word ocelot every

day.

At the same time, both Carol and I realized that often, in the heat of the moment, a loving couple can and will push the boundaries of what one person can reasonably expect the other to endure. And times like that were made for a safe word like ocelot. Or even penguin.

“So this is what it’s like to live an exciting life,” I thought, as I sat back down at my computer, drank flat ginger ale, and visited a fly tying website dedicated solely to eastern caddis fly patterns. And then, just for the heck of it, I whispered “ocelot.” I still don’t know what got into me.

Those of you who have found yourself in a similar situation know that suddenly life just got infinitely more complicated.

After all, there are hundreds of good caddis fly patterns to choose from. Oh and the fact that you and your spouse now share a word like ocelot also invites activities that were never even considered on the menu up until then. Suddenly, there are new spices in the rack.

In hindsight, I’m not sure if a safe word tempts or tests you. All I know is that when my wife called me into the kitchen she had something very different from the norm in mind.

In fact, if I didn’t know better I’d say that she was intentionally pushing at the borders to see exactly how much discomfort I could actually stand.

And though, in truth, it was something that I would have rather not participated in at all, I went along with it just because the mere mention of it seemed to excite her to no end.

It was clearly wrong and definitely not for me. Even in the midst of the act, I knew that we had crossed into uncharted territory. And having got here, I instinctively understood that things would never be the same between us again. Frankly, I was scared that we had opened a door that we could never close again.

Vacuuming the living room was one thing. But when she asked me to dust? Well, all I could say was ocelot.



pic of the past

These two hard-working fellows were building the Chateau Woodland back in 1939 at the Dunwurkin Park.

letters to the editor

Taxpayers pay for calendar

To the Editor,

It would seem that this business of politicians using our tax dollars to try to sell us on themselves via the mail didn’t take long to find its way from Ottawa to Toronto. I got a calendar from our local MPP, Rick Johnston, the other day and somehow I think that they were dropped in every mailbox all over the county.

This was a pretty professional looking piece of work, and it occurred to me that maybe every

Liberal MPP is sending one similar to it to every one of their constituents – with your tax dollars. Maybe they’ll pay the printer after July 1 when they get that big wad of cash from their new HST tax they are squeezing out of us.

I checked July 1 on my calendar to see if there was a smiling McGuinty rubbing his hands there – but I guess they didn’t want to rub it in...

Harvey Clarke
Donald

No way small cabin uses that much

To the Editor,

I live in Tory Hill. I recently purchased a small cabin in the last two years. My cabin may be a total of 600-square feet at the most. I heat with wood. I also have electric baseboard heaters, which I never turn on. I reside by myself, am full-time employed, meaning no one is home in the daytime except my pets.

My cabin has been newly rewired with a 200-amp service and I had my hydro hooked up at the end of September approximately. Anyways, it started with my initial hook up, which was to be on Aug. 8, 2008. It did not happen because of a root and a little water in the trench, so fine. For a

total of 10 minutes and four workers I got dinged a bill for \$589.05 to hook up that day. I had to pay this bill before they would come back.

I then paid seasonally, which was around \$175 each time. As for October of this year, I received a bill for \$2,013.07 to make up for the year! My delivery charge alone is \$90 a month.

For the life of me, how on earth can one person living in a cabin of 600-square feet consume this much hydro? Something is definitely wrong with this system and something needs to be done!

Ms. Grant
Tory Hill

2009: A year in pictures

It was a year of great victories, huge losses, wild weather and true community spirit. Here are some of the *Echo's* most memorable news items of the past 365 days



A winter storm walloped the Highlands December dropping a metre of snow and keeping many inside for days.



Three years after a tornado devastated the county, another one shot through Redstone Lake August. The damage this year was far less extensive.



Haliburton cheered as its native son Matt Duchene was drafted to the NHL's Colorado Avalanche in June. In the fall he impressed us all with strong play for the team in regular season.



Haliburton was shoved into the provincial spotlight February when PC party leader, John Tory, attempted to win a seat as an MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Residents were shocked that popular MPP Laurie Scott would resign to allow Tory to "parachute" into the riding and awarded their votes to Liberal candidate Rick Johnson instead.

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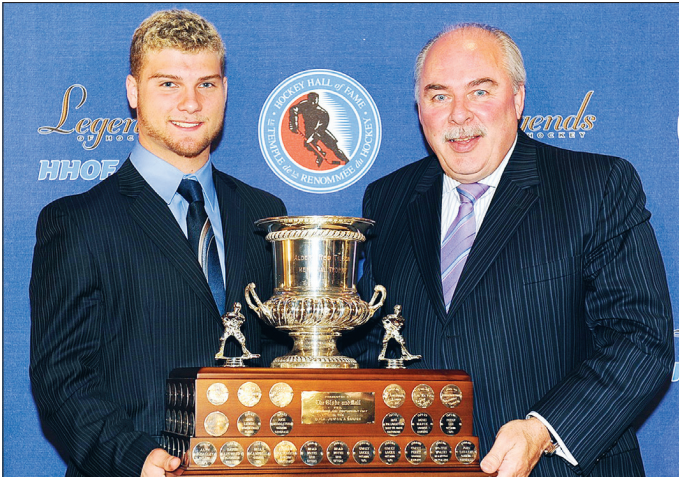
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Haliburton Lake cottager and former resident Cody Hodgson was awarded Most Valuable Player in the OHL.

Hodgson was drafted to the Vancouver Canucks in 2008, but due to injury has not yet played with the NHL team.

2009: YEAR IN REVIEW



Local anti-uranium activists made change when the Ontario government banned staking on private property in Southern Ontario May. Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill said there is more to be done, but this is a good first step.



Haliburton raised about \$170,000 for cancer research through Relay for Life with 600 participants this June.



Dysart opened a brand new 5,000-square-foot library November in town complete with a fireplace and lakeside patio.



Wilberforce and Cardiff residents fought to keep their elementary schools open when the school board held an assessment.

Their lobbying proved successful when the board voted in December to keep both open.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Notice of Registration for Semester 2 for New Students

CLASSES FOR SEMESTER 2 BEGIN ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010.

New students planning to register Semester 2 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are to see a Guidance Counsellor to choose courses.

Please contact Alison Rae at 457-2950, ext. 227 during the week of January 4th to 8th, 2010 to make an appointment to see the Counsellor.

Valerie Smith
- TLDSB Chairperson

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For the twelfth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

Help us reach our **\$100,000** Holiday Goal to invest in equipment and technology for the health care facilities and hospitals in Haliburton County.

As of December 29, 2009 we have raised \$64,493⁰⁰ towards our goal.

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2009: A YEAR IN REVIEW



Long-time editor, Martha Perkins, left her post at the *Echo* and moved to B.C. in November with her partner.



High-risk individuals lined up for H1N1 vaccinations in October after a boy died of the flu in Toronto.

Right: International pop group, The Jonas Brothers, came back to the Highlands to film this summer.

The brothers formed a close relationship with the Pinestone Resort, sending them a platinum record.



Highlands Summer Festival 2010

Scot Denton - Artistic Producer
Melissa Stephens - Executive Producer

Audition Call

The Goodbye Girl by Neil Simon, Marvin Hamlisch & David Zippel

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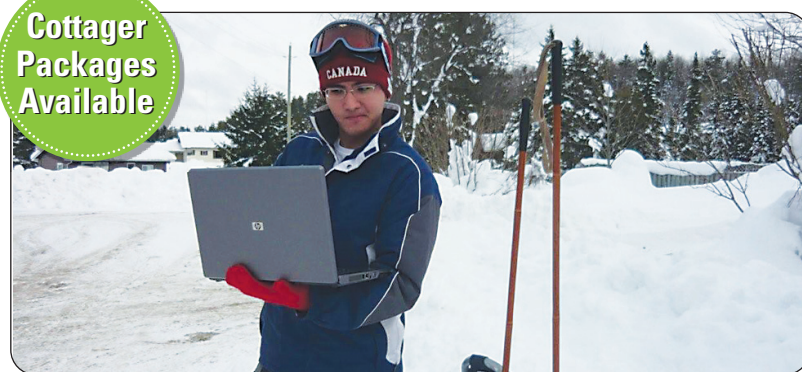
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■ SILENT G

What's in a name?

TERRANCE GAVAN
Staff reporter

It started with a nifty little story idea about a hockey player, a local middle school and a familiar surname 'round these parts.

It devolved into a veritable fracas of major proportion, as a mild-mannered reporter was assailed, accosted and assaulted at a local eatery for having the effrontery to challenge entrenched Haliburton lore, by attempting to educate people regarding the correct pronunciation of Hodgson.

Contrary to popular belief, the surname is pronounced Hod-son and not Hodge-son.

Simply put, the G stays silent.

Be careful what you say here, however, and tread especially lightly when you endeavour to tamper with legend in the Highlands, an area renown for its deep roots, entrenched hatred of the fourth estate, and a broad and brooding capacity for barroom mayhem.

Oh, and pick a better spot to engage in debate, than a place where they sell booze with the food.

"You don't know what you're talking about 'Avan," said a patron sitting at the bar of McKecks Blue Line, the local sports bar and grill in question.

He started to explain that he dropped the G on my surname, and I managed to stop him mid-sentence, saying that I got the joke, I just didn't think it was that funny.

"You're an 'oofball 'Avan, it's 'Hodge-son' just ask anyone here," said the funny man at the bar.

And so I did.

McKecks manager, Karen Frybort, who I used to call my friend, was laughing behind the bar as all this was transpiring.

"It's Hodge-Son Terry," said Frybort, punctuating the last bit with a hard crank on the "odge," and a large roll of her eyes.

"Karen, are you calling me an idiot?" I asked.

"No, I'm saying you're a little 'oofy, 'Avan," replied Frybort.

One of McKecks better selling items is the Cody Burger, named after the NHL's 10th overall draft pick in 2008. Cody started his hockey career right here in Haliburton and his dad was the Conservative MPP and cabinet minister hereabouts from 1994 to 2003. Cody's granddad Douglas was a celebrated educator in the Highlands, and J. Douglas Hodgson middle school in

Haliburton was named after him.

I told Frybort and Mr. Know-It-All at the bar that I had done the requisite research on this one and indeed, contrary to long-held practice, the G in Hodgson is silent.

"O fly a kite 'Avan, you really are a silly 'oose," said Frybort.

I followed 10th step dictates, let it 'o, paid my bill, and left the buildin'.

In the straw poll I took around town, it was nearly unanimous.

Final tally: 47 people for Hodge-son and only one pronounced Hod-son correctly.

And I know; you're asking "where's the proof?"

It's in the puddin' of course.

Direct from Highlands real estate mogul Andrew Hodgson (Century 21) to God's ear.

"Yes, it's not a real problem, but we do pronounce it without the G," says Andrew. Andrew was quick to point out that it has never been a problem for the family. "If someone wants to buy some real estate, I'm not really concerned how they say my name," laughs Andrew.

Brother Chris is equally laid back about the whole name thing. "It doesn't matter to me, because about 80 per cent of the voters in Haliburton County managed to get it right," laughs Chris, during a phone call from Markham last Thursday.

Cody was equally unconcerned in a *Vancouver Province* article during the Vancouver Canuck training camp last September.

"Yes, the G is silent," Cody told the *Province*. "Some people have dropped the G altogether to make it less



Karen Frybort, McKecks manager, stares down a reporter who had the effrontery to challenge the pronunciation of the Hodgson name. "I'm giving you the look," said Frybort, causing the intrepid *Echo* reporter to flee the premises. It's Hod-son by the way./Photo by Terrance Gavan.

confusing. That's how you pronounce my name and that's how I prefer it.

"But there are so many people saying Hodge-son, what am I going to do?"

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WINTER SPORTS

HHSS returns to sports wars

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Winter sports heats up again this week, with the full slate of Red Hawk teams heading back to their designated hardwood, mat and ice wars.

Today, Tuesday, Jan. 5, the senior girls' volleyball team head to Clarke high school in Newcastle. This afternoon the undefeated (in Kawartha high school play) Red Hawks hockey team hops on a bus for Peterborough for a game against Thomas A Stewart High School. That will be a major test as the Hawks try to keep pace with the AAA St. Peter's Saints who are now 6-0-1 (up one point on the 6-0 Hawks) for their season.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, both senior and junior boys' basketball squads are off to Cannington for a showdown against Brock High School Bulldogs.

Also on Wednesday the junior girls' volleyball is hosting a match at the Hawks' Nest. That's their first home game of the Kawartha season and game time for fans of the spike and set is slated for 2 p.m.

Both boys and girls hockey teams are on the road later in the week, headed for separate tournaments.

The girls are hopping on a bus to South River for a tournament on Thursday, Jan. 7. The boys' Red Hawk team meanwhile, have a date in the B-Side draw of the prestigious 48-team St. Peter's Classic high school tournament in Peterborough.

The Hawks start bright and early on Friday morning at the Evinrude Arena with an 8:50 start versus the hometown Crestwood High School. They face Port Hope's Trinity College at 11 a.m. and then go up against

Strathroy's Holy Cross secondary school at 3:05 p.m.

If they play well enough to place first or second in their E-Pool they will advance to play Saturday at either 8:55 a.m. or 10:05 a.m., again at the Evinrude Centre.

On Friday, Jan. 8, the mat rats get ready to rumble in Lindsay. Coach Paul Klose will be taking his wrestlers to LCVI for an all-day tourney.

Also on Friday, Jan. 8, the Hal High snowboarders will be taking to the slopes at Sir Sam's for a few runs through the slalom gates in preparation for an intense run up to Kawartha, COSSA and OFSAA snowboard finals.

The Red Hawks hockey squad plays their next home game here at Dysart et al on Monday, Jan. 11 versus Crestwood. Game time is 7:15 p.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, the senior girls' volleyball squad is away for a match at Fenelon Falls Secondary School. On Wednesday both boys hoop squads are in Lindsay for a return match-up against the Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute (LCVI) Spartans. The senior Red Hawks absolutely stunned the Spartans with a sparkling 49-39 victory here at the Nest just prior to Christmas. The juniors lost a close three point decision (31-28) and both Red Hawks squads should be sufficiently pumped for the rematch. On the same day the junior volleyball girls travel to Brock for a showdown against the Bulldogs.

On Jan. 14 the hockey Hawks travel to St. Thomas Aquinas for a 2:30 p.m. game.

The curling season roars into action on the 14th as well, with the defending COSSA champion Red Hawk curlers traveling to Fenelon Falls for a South West conference match against the Falcons.



Christmas at Highland Wood

Residents and staff at Highland Wood long-term care facility enjoyed a visit from Santa during their Christmas party last week. Photos submitted by Connie Robinson.



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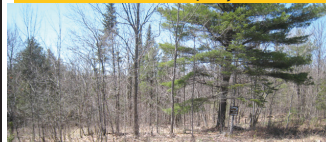
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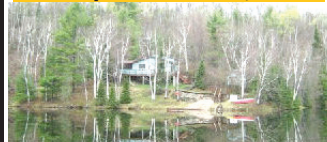
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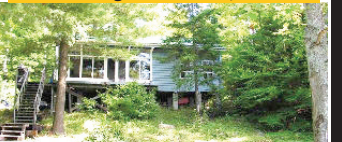
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POLITICS

Climate change denial part of Conservative culture, Smith says

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In fact, Smith, an environmentalist and former provincial Green Party candidate, thought it was these types of views from within the Conservative party that were derailing talks in Denmark to rein in global carbon emissions. He had to do something about it.

So, on Dec. 18, he got his tape recorder ready, took a few deep breaths and called Devolin's office, asking to speak to the office worker named Peter Taylor who had made the claims.

What Smith heard so shocked him that he decided to post the audio online, and send a transcription of the half-hour debate between the two men to local media.

In the conversation, Taylor denies the science of global warming, claims the talks in Copenhagen are a grand scheme to raise money for Al Gore, and calls the United Nations "corrupt," "communist" and "socialist."

"Copenhagen is just a transfer of funds from rich nations to poor nations. And who makes the money but Al Gore by selling cap-and-trade tax credits," Taylor says in the transcript.

He said that the talks were "the raping of governments and taking over power by these unelected officials in Copenhagen."

At one point, Smith claims Canada has committed a criminal act under international law by ignoring Kyoto Accord emission targets.

Taylor responds: "Criminal to who? To the UN body, who is a bunch of corrupt communist socialists who

Copenhagen is just a transfer of funds from rich nations to poor nations. And who makes the money but Al Gore by selling cap-and-trade tax credits.

Peter Taylor, MP's office assistant

are trying to take your money."

Since releasing the audio of the discussion, Smith has received an apology from Devolin, who said Taylor was speaking for himself only and should never have engaged in such a discussion in the first place.

Devolin repeated these sentiments in an interview with the *Echo* Thursday.

"It's clear that what he said was not my view and I think in any organization ... people that work there don't necessarily share the view of the boss or the company, but it's not appropriate to share that with people who call in," he said.

Devolin said Taylor was usually a mild-mannered employee who has been with the office for more than five years. He said Taylor felt badly about the incident and that nothing like that would happen again.

"And like I said, Peter, he feels awful about how all of this has unfolded and I hope and trust that this won't happen again," Devolin said.

When contacted by the *Echo* Thursday, Taylor claimed to have no knowledge of the recording made by Smith,

And like I said, Peter, he feels awful about how all of this has unfolded and I hope and trust that this won't happen again.

Barry Devolin, MP

though he remembered the conversation they had.

"No, he never told me he was recording," Taylor said in an interview with the *Echo*.

When asked if he usually talked to constituents about party policy, he replied: "No, it would not be [part of my job to talk about policy]. He [Smith] specifically asked for me. I remember that particular conversation ... I think I specifically said that I was not speaking on Barry's behalf."

Taylor's opinions shed light on some of the thinking from within the Conservative party, Smith says, and while Devolin may not share those views, exposing them publicly can motivate the party to educate itself on climate issues, he said.

"I hope that Mr. Devolin and other members of the Conservative party who have a presence in parliament, for the sake of their own reputation, will strive to distance themselves from their own cohort and secondly to distribute literature and invite knowledgeable speakers to address their assemblies and their party members in order to raise their consciousness," he said.

To read the entire transcript of the conversation, please go to haliburtonecho.ca.

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Glebe Park to host Ontario Cup Nordic ski race

The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association and ski club is proud to have been selected to host the Ontario Cup cross-country-ski race at their race facility in Glebe Park, Haliburton Feb. 27 and 28, 2010.

Each season Ontario Cup races draw the best skiers from around the province to this series of four races, one of which is hosted in each of the four divisions of the province.

This is Haliburton's first Ontario Cup race.

"I have been saying for quite some time that Haliburton has some of the best race facilities in the province, and I'm excited to have this chance to prove it to the rest of the province," said ski club chairperson, Blake Paton.

"Ontario Cup races are the largest and

most important races on the provincial calendar."

The president of the Nordic Trails Association, John McDonald, added, "This race will have a big, positive economic impact on our area since we are expecting to play host to more than 200 skiers from out of town, all of whom will need accommodation and food for the weekend."

It is an important year for the ski community since the association is also investing heavily in new equipment to groom the trails.

"We are soon taking delivery of two new heavy-duty snowmobiles and two new groomer attachments for them, and that will add up to \$45,000 worth of investment in our system," said McDonald.

The club is counting on the ski community's support for both of these projects. Paton said, "The race will require a major volunteer effort to execute, and at the same time we are asking both club and community members to consider a donation to our equipment fund to help offset the cost of the new groomers."

It may seem like a lot to undertake in one season, but the two projects support one another.

"We really need the new equipment to serve the needs of club members and those many skiers who come to Haliburton each winter to ski. Some of our equipment was worn out, and it had to be replaced.

"Having it here for the Ontario Cup race will help us prepare the trails better. Better trails mean more repeat visitors,

and more income for the trails and the area."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation approved a grant of \$15,000 to help offset the purchase cost, but much fundraising is left to do.

Fortunately, the ski season has started very well with abundant snow and stable weather, and the new machines are already in use preparing the trails for early-season skiing.

The club's youth programs kick off on Jan. 2 at Glebe Park, and there is still time to register children in the Jackrabbit ski lessons.

Visit www.skihaliburton.com for more information on trail conditions, maps, and club programs.

Submitted by the Haliburton ski club

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'I'll tell you now that we're in business ... and we're just fine'

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Corporation was in dire financial straits.

"I understand the concerns and I'm here to answer any and all questions," said Mady over the phone from his Toronto offices last Wednesday. "It's [bankruptcy] a horrible assumption to make. I'll tell you now, that we're in business, and we've got numerous projects going on all over the place, and we're just fine."

Mady says he is fully aware that it falls to Mady Development Group to appease and address any and all concerns relating to the ramifications involved with the project, slated to be built on Maple Avenue just 150 metres west of the Shoppers Drug Mart on the old Fleming College site overlooking Head Lake.

Mady said he understands the scrutiny, but that he remains perplexed by all the rumours that continue to swirl around the Watercolours development.

"It's a small town and I'm quickly learning that there's a big rumour mill in Haliburton," said Mady. He said that this latest rumour is just one of many similar incidents that followed the project as it cleared the de rigueur hurdles, town hall meetings and OMB hearings along the way.

"Every day it was something else; [people saying] 'it's not happening,' or 'the developer's broke,' and stories coming out ... and it seemed like there was always some battle we were fighting with people who just did not want to see this happen."

He added that none of this has dampened Mady Corp's enthusiasm for the project. But he did say that they are in the process of shifting some plans around the ambitious project.

"Watercolours, we're taking a step back right now and reassessing the development in terms of what we're going to bring to that site," said Mady. "We were very impressed with the initial turnout that we



The plans may not look exactly like initial drawings, such as this one provided to the community last year, but a Watercolours developer says the building will still be constructed on Maple Avenue.

received in terms of reservations, and right when we were converting reservations to hard sales, we were hit with numerous issues.

"First there's a history of failed developments in Haliburton and I think we were tarred with that brush. The economy as a whole suffered a serious downturn right in the midst of our marketing and conversion process and that affected people's retirement funds and everybody became gun shy.

"Like all developments we have to attain a certain number of sales before we pull the trigger and get a shovel in the ground. We didn't reach that sales number so we're taking a step back and we closed down [the sales office on Highland Street] for the winter. And we're going to reassess things in the spring."

Part of that reassessment might include a look at the overall structuring of the complex, a move from 100 per cent ownership to a hybrid format that would include an assisted living and rental component.

"We've got a lot of feedback and a lot of people talking about bringing in some type of retirement component to the site," explained Mady. "We're working with a couple of big companies that are retirement operators; introducing them to Haliburton, introducing them to our project and telling them that it was extremely well-received at the onset ... and we're thinking in the spring that we come out and hopefully we ice some deal with a retirement operator and we have a new improved plan to bring to Haliburton."

Ad Mahlo, Mady Corporation's most visible face in Haliburton, said in an *Echo* article in November, shortly after they closed the sales office, that they still planned to place shovel in ground by next summer.

He also said that there may be changes in the size or look of units, to accommodate popular demand, but those changes weren't certain.

Just how far the paradigm has shifted on Watercolours will become evident come spring said Mady.

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Getting a stick for Christmas?

Canadian Forces Sgt. Maj. Chris Rusk received this miniature hockey stick Christmas morning from his mom, Sharon Middlehurst. Signed by Paul Henderson, Middlehurst employed the help of Hockey Hall of Famer Scotty Morrison to replace a similar stick Rusk lost from his childhood. "You've hit the jackpot this time, Mom," Rusk said upon receiving the stick. Photo submitted by Sharon Middlehurst.

Atom AE go to Niagara for International Silver Stick

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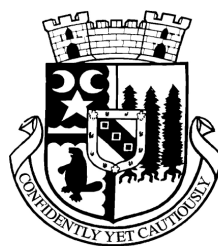
Manager Highland Storm Atom AE

This Sunday, Jan. 3, saw the team get together for our first games since Christmas. These two games were re-scheduled for a second time because the Highland Storm Atom AEs will be travelling to Niagara Falls this Wednesday, Jan. 6 to participate in the International Silver Stick for which they are division champions.

The boys played two games back to back against Huntsville in Baysville.

In the first game, the team showed they had not played for a while, but managed to come up with a 3-2 win. Goals being scored by Jack Dobie, Owen Smith and Greg Crofts. Assists by Jacob Haedicke, Jake Bull and Greg Crofts.

In the second game, the boys seemed to have found their hockey legs and smarts to pull out a 4-9 win, another shut-out for goalie Anthony Bertucca with goals by Owen Smith, Greg Crofts and Alex Wilbee. Assists by Jake Bull, Greg Crofts and Trevor Turner. Thank you to everyone for your support.



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WEST GUILFORD Lots of visitors over the holidays

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

We must still be within the 12 days of Christmas when the tree at Paul Sisson's place is still in its winter land glory of lights and the home of Gail and Fred Morgan on the north side of Pine Lake is glowing in its own splendid colours. Red and green still decorates the front of Bill Burden's store and Bradley Bryant's decorations are glorious. Dull days and long nights are thus held at bay, and inside we light candles for added cheer of atmosphere.

Best wishes for better health to Ray Sisson in Haliburton Hospital at present.

Greg and Cheryl Cooper travelled to Kingston to be with Nicole and Tom Kezis, and their little boy, Cooper Joel, now at home, was there for the celebration time.

Here we had my sister and her husband from Burlington, followed by my

niece and husband and family from Collingwood and my sister from Barrie, and my nephew and his wife and family from Barrie. This began with our Beth and Paul from St. Catharines right on Christmas Day, much to our joy. Lots of games of cards, crokinole and music. The Alan Coopers came on Dec. 31 enjoyed New Year's Eve dinner with us at Kay and Perry Morrison's as well as the levee on Jan. 1 and they were able to stay until Jan. 3.

Shirley Sisson's company included J'Nan, Mike, Derek and Curtis Yateman and Ryan Sisson and his friend from Burlington.

The Rev. Anne Moore who now lives on Ella Court invited her friends from St. Margaret's and St George's congregations to a levee at her home on New Year's Day. All was bright and cheery with happy conversation and people mightily enjoyed Anne's hospitality and many goodies while we visited. It is not too late for you to inform me of your company over the holiday, 754-2278 lunch time or between 5 to 6:30 p.m. are good times to reach me.

■ WILBERFORCE

Brush up on the basics with Rev. Moore

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

For many the Christmas decorations are stored away, the New Year's Eve celebrations now memories and resolutions still being gradually worked out.

Weather certainly played a part in celebrations, especially getting to family gatherings in snow or even rain. Hope your celebrations of this special season were as pleasant as mine. There are certainly many blessings for which to be thankful.

The Rev. Canon Anne Moore will be leading an alpha course at St. Margaret's Church on Monday afternoons beginning Jan. 11. The sessions will start at 12:30 p.m. with food. Alpha is an 11-

week course about the basics of the Christian faith. It is meant for those who know little of the faith and for those who want to brush up on the basics. It consists of a 45-minute video followed by conversation on any topic. The speaker in the video is the Rev. Nicky Gumbell of Holy Trinity, Brompton, England, an Anglican church where Alpha started about 20 years ago.

Courses are now being held around the world. All questions are respected.

All are welcome to attend. Call Rev. Moore for further information at 457-2074 or at home at 754-0448.

It was good to see Gerald Shackleton accompanied by his son Eric in the village recently. Gerald is now residing in Bowmanville to be near family. He is greatly missed here in the village, especially at the Wilberforce United Church and at Maple View where he and his late wife Bessie lived for a number of years. Gerald served well on the Wilberforce

Heritage Guild board since it formed in 1991 and has been an active participant in the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair. He greatly enjoyed the seniors' organization during its many years of operation. We wish Gerald happiness in Bowmanville, an area he knows very well. Thanks Gerald for all your contributions to life here in Wilberforce, and for just being you. We look forward to many return visits.

This is transition time at the restaurant in Wilberforce. It is now under the operation of Jan and John Sorensen. They have brought the name Mumford Station with them from their previous location. Best wishes Jan and John for great success here in Wilberforce. We look forward to many good meals at your place very soon.

Appreciation is extended to Sharold Smith for fine friendly service at the restaurant for a number of years. Operating a restaurant in a small village is never easy especially through the "mud" or

"shoulder" months in fall and spring. May Sharold enjoy some restful refreshing time off. Thanks, Sharold, Sue, Jackie and all the staff who have been so pleasant and accommodating.

It is good to see our arena being used so well for hockey, etc. The public skating over the holiday was much appreciated.

The renovated kitchen at St. Margaret's Anglican Church will be officially dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 10. The blessing will take place following the regular service which begins at 11:15 a.m. Refreshment will then be available. All welcome.

Members of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild invite you to its annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at the the Outpost Historic House. Enjoy a cup of tea as the actions of the guild in 2009 are reviewed and board members elected. It is really is a community effort. Join the effort to keep it successful.

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Mel Smith
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The New Year's Eve party was great. I would like to thank all the helpers who worked so hard to make it a success.

It was a full house, I don't have the figures, but there were a lot of people. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, but nobody had more fun than Pat the DJ. Nice job to one and all.

New Year's Day was the presidents' levee at branch 624, this was an appreciation lunch with coffee and tea along with some eggnog to start the new year off right.

Jan. 5 is the executive meeting, the first Tuesday of the month.

Jan. 8 is the Community Care Diners' Club luncheon at 12:30 p.m., to get on the list please call Gwen Otto at 448-2106.

Jan. 8 is the birthday/anniversary potluck dinner at 7 p.m.

Jan. 10 is the all-you-can-eat breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon and the price for this great breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Jan. 12 is the general membership meeting.

Jan. 15 is the all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, \$6 for adults and \$3 for children from 5 to 7 p.m.

A news notice: Dorothy Beddington is now living in Victoria Manor in Lindsay and anyone wanting to drop by for a chat can find her there.

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Martin Hofland saw this owl in his backyard quietly sitting on a snow-covered branch.

HARCOURT

Holidays were all about family and friends

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

Christmastime is a wonderful time for reflection and a time to think about all that we are grateful for. Family and friends are two things that immediately come to mind. Mel and I were very fortunate to enjoy a lovely Christmas with our daughter Dawn and her family Chris, Tyrick, Trenton and Rachel; our son Ryan and his family Jessica, Gwynievere and Gracie; son Jay; my parents Doreen and Elwin Oakes and a multitude of other family members and friends. We were truly blessed to have had such a busy, but very delightful Christmas for there are many who walk alone in the world and do not have such an opportunity.

We were grateful to see another New Year's Eve. New Year's Eve is like every other night.

There is no pause in hands of time to mark the passage of yet another 12 months, nor is there a natural phenomenon or happening like a cloud burst of rain or a rainbow to mark the beginning of a New Year. A New Year is beautiful like new falling snow, each day is unique and shaped just for each individual, and that individual adds something as each day grows.

We had the opportunity to celebrate this year's New Year's Eve with family and friends at the Wilberforce Legion and we had an excellent time.

We are grateful for having the opportunity to listen in silence on a snowy night, holding our breath until we hear the snow on snow for there are those who will never have the pleasure of seeing the wonder-

ment of softly falling snow or a full moon on a frosty winter's night.

This past New Year's Eve's full "blue moon" lent a phenomenal ending to the year 2009.

As I stood out on the back deck ignoring the cold and gazing out at the wondrous sight, I thought of how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful place. The ghostly silver snow-clad tree branches were bathed in an eerie, luminous glow. That same silver mercury-like lighting allowed me to clearly see to the top of our small mountain and provided me with an amazing view of a buck in the backyard. He stood majestically, frozen like an icicle, illuminated by moonlight, while the landscape behind him shimmered iridescently. I could not take my eyes off him nor the scene and I was loath to break the spell in spite of the chill of the early morning night.

The cold assailed my being, heightening my awareness of the full, splendid moonlight scene and as I stood there shivering, I thought of an old newspaper article from 1859 I had recently come across.

I had always thought of the North Pole as the end of the earth's axis of rotation, marking the northern most point on the earth, a point from where every direction is south and there is no east or west from there making it somewhat a special, magical place yet desolate and lonely. Interesting enough, at one time people actually viewed Haliburton as being located in the far north region and the road running north as the North Pole Road.

In one old newspaper article on the Monk Road Settlement it indicated "...and this fall we shall be able to drive a yoke of oxen full gallop all the way down the road to Peterborough and also, if we like to visit our neighbours up there toward the north pole at Haliburton, we can do so, for the road is now nearly open from our settlement to that historical but remote

village."

In another newspaper article, Mr. I. Cannon gallantly wrote in 1859, "I do say to all my fellow countrymen, in my opinion you need not be afraid of your Sons and your Daughters going to the new Country to find a home, under the hand of industry, for there will be a thriving settlement in this Country when the enemies of the 'the North Pole Road,' will be mouldering in the dust. The road is now open to the Gull River, and a Bridge is about to be erected, and I now say to all who want to settle on Land, not to stop until you cross the Gull River, and then you may go East, West or Northward."

Mr. Cannon at the time was equally impressed with not only the land, but the early settler people who came to first settle here, "I was led to believe all that I had heard against the country, and from the appearance of the land thought it could never be settled. I was much deceived in the appearance of the people, for I conversed with many of them who I thought to find sorrowful and distressed; but not so, for all seemed cheerful and happy, and some of their shanties are as white as lime can make them. I conversed with English, Irish, Scotch and Norwegians and found all contented."

The moon continued to shine through the trees and I stood in fascination and appreciation of the fine lacework of shadows that decorated my backyard. A fine seamstress would take a lifetime to create what the "blue moon" had created in an instant.

I don't know how long I stood there feeling like a captive, uniquely chained and yet, privileged and grateful for the wild, primitive scene before me. As I stood there, I realized it was a stroke of luck so unlikely that it must have taken place under a blue moon that our forefathers saw the beauty of this land as Mr. Cannon did

in 1859. They saw the value of their future here and came to settle in this area, thus giving us the chance to live here today.

I stood there feeling very grateful that I had the opportunity to listen undisturbed, in silence, to the peace around me in order that I might hear and appreciate such wonders for there are many who would never have such an opportunity.

Finally, the instinct of survival came to liberate me once again before the cold settled too far into my aging bones and I turned and went back indoors. I closed the door with regret on the magnificent sight, however, not on a special memory I will cherish for, as long I am able to remember it. We are truly blessed to have such pleasant memories as the tide of human misery rises in many war torn and natural disaster ridden countries.

Our hearts go out to Marjorie Tighe and family on the loss of her husband Floyd who passed away on Dec. 17, and to Kenny Lewins and family on the loss of his wife Marjorie who passed away on Dec. 18.

If it were possible that wishes could come true, then this is my New Year's wish for all: I wish for everyone beauty and softness with surprises thrown in for delight. I wish every grandparent the opportunity to love precious grandchildren like our three lovely granddaughters Rachel, Gwynievere and Gracie and step grandsons Tyrick and Trenton. I wish for night skies ablaze with bright stars and the magic of moonlight for all and day skies to be filled with bright sunshine and big, fluffy clouds. I wish the upcoming year be full of hope and may everyone be given the strength to cope. I wish renewed health and healing for all who have fought illness or lost someone dear. I wish for courage, faith and patience to prevail in everyone's hearts and homes always and may everyone have lots of love bringing happiness to all...Happy New Year 2010.

Coming Events

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DID SANTA FORGET?

We all know he is getting a little older and, well, can sometimes forget things. Perhaps you did not receive a Highlands Summer Festival Season Pass in your Christmas stocking. Well, there is still time to purchase yours at pre-Christmas prices. Passes are available at Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton or The Storeroom in Minden. Or call the Highlands Summer Festival Box office for details: 705-457-9933. Four production pass--\$80, with additional shows available for only \$20 each. But do it now, (before you forget), because the sale ends January 15.

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would like to invite

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Annual General Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2010
Lloyd Watson Community Centre

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Everyone Welcome!

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- January 7 to 16: The Taoist Tai Chi Society (TM) is holding Open Houses in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce to introduce the start of a new classes - Taoist Tai Chi(TM) is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. For more information, please call Brenda 447-2148 or visit www.haliburtonecho.ca
- January 9: Wilberforce Agricultural Society would like to Invite You to Our Annual General Meeting – Join us at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre at 7:30 pm. Come and learn about the workings of the Wilberforce Fair. Everyone Welcome!
- January 12: Haliburton Farmers' Market Association Annual General Meeting - will be held at 7:00 pm at the Great Hall of Fleming College in Haliburton. All are welcome. For more information, contact Bob Smith at 286-1940 or robtks@sympatico.ca
- January 21: The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held at the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce – Join us at 7:00 pm. All welcome. Refreshments.
- February 13: Dorset Poker Rally – All proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration is Friday 7:00 -9:00 pm. Registration is Saturday 9:00 - Pledge sheets available on line (www.tallpines.org) and (www.lionscampdorset.on.ca). Maximum 300 riders with OFSC Trail Permit, \$50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride. First prize is \$2000 cash. Sponsored by Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. For more information please contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662.
- Good News Club – Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children are invited to a fun filled club with Christian values taught. The program will be walked over to J.D. Hodgson School. The program is free. Children can be picked up at JDH at 5pm. Call Stephanie 754-0079.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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A940

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Coming Events A940

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very special day!
Love your family

*P.S. enjoy your cake
Grampa, we love
you.*



**80th Birthday
Celebration for
Eleanor Young**

Open House
1-4 pm
January 10, 2010
Lochlin Hall

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Deaths



Betsie (Barbara) Kanters

(nee Van Den Oetelaar)
(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)



Peacefully, on Monday December 21, 2009 in her 81st year with her family by her side. Devoted wife of John Van Den Hoogen and Peter Kanters (both predeceased). Beloved mother of Frank (Deborah, predeceased), Louise (Marlene), Nicole (Don). Cherished Oma of Dawn (predeceased), Kevin, Ryan & Adam. Dear sister of Petra, Trudy, Tina, Ferdy, Henry, Louie and predeceased by John, Rien, Mien, Bill and Ferdinand. She will be missed by her extended family, and many nieces and nephews in Canada, USA, Holland, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand.

Visitation & Funeral Mass

Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Sunday December 27, 2009 from 2-4 and 7-9. Then to **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden, Ontario on Monday morning, December 28, 2009 for Funeral Mass at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to SIRCH or ALS Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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In memoriam

In loving memory of
Robert "Bob" Hayward,
who passed away on January 4th
2009 and is sadly missed by all
who knew him.



*Alone, but never quite alone,
I face an empty chair;
But sometimes in the silence,
I imagine he is there,
My companion for so many years,
No longer here with me,
And yet in some mysterious way,
He keeps me company.*

- Loved always, Betty and family.



BROWN, Dorothy Elizabeth "Betty" (nee McGill) - Passed away peacefully, at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Grimsby, on Friday, December 25, 2009, with her family by her side. Devoted wife of 54 years to George. Loving and selfless mother of Barry of Kenora and Brenda Callaghan (Ron) of Minden. Proud and doting grandmother of Colin and Michael Callaghan. Betty was daughter of the late Clarence and Margaret McGill and sister of Charlie McGill, Frances Page, Shirley Lefebvre and the late Margaret, Jim, Hubert, John, Colin and Bill. Betty and her brothers John and Bill were the first triplets born in Northern Ontario in 1926. Betty was the foster child of the late Bert and Vivian Langdon of Cochrane and is the foster sister of Jim Langdon and Diane Craig. Dear friend of Naomi Barlow (nee Hornick) and sister-in-law of Loretta Gievaert and the late Alex Barna. According to Betty's wishes, cremation and a private family service have taken place. If desired, memorial contributions to the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation, 167 Main Street East, Grimsby, L3M 9Z9, would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **STONEHOUSE-WITCOMB FUNERAL HOME**, Grimsby, 904-945-2755. www.smithsfh.com

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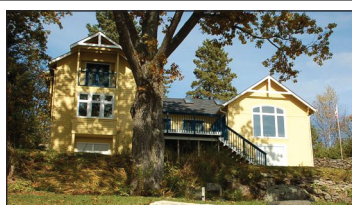
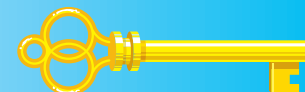
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GROWLER LAKE

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LOG HOME

2 bedroom pine log home situated on a level corner lot. Full walkout bsmt with large rec room, laundry and office space. Drilled well, septic, generator back up. Barn, shed and insulated garage.

\$149,000



HALIBURTON HOME

2 bedroom home situated in a prime location for a home based business close to town. 2.5 acres, nice view, mature trees. Huge garage and shed. Most windows new, septic, drilled well & newer FA propane furnace.

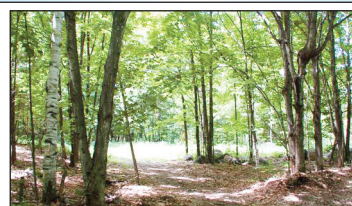
\$139,900.



BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD

2.39 acre building lot. Directly across to the public access to the lake. Mature hardwoods, level lot, last lot on township road, hydro and phone to lot. Close to ski hill, snowmobile & ATV trails.

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VACANT LAND

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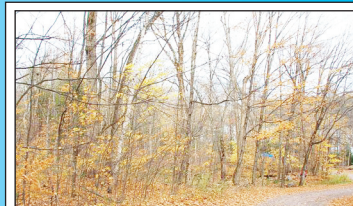


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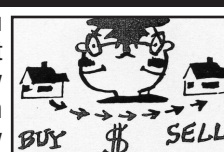
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